GOSSIP OF TURF AFFAIRS.

CONDITION OF THE HORSES AT JEROME PARK STABLES.

The declarations are due on February 22 for the great spring handicaps. After that day the winter books will begin to lay the odds against the horses which remain in the list of entries for all three races.

At all the tracks trainers report that their horses were never better than at present. Longstreet is really a wonderful horse, and it would be difficult to name one who can compare with him in appearance. He is all right in his legs and does not show a sign of being at all "dicky" or shaky on them, although the hard work required to wind a horse of his calibre up to the proper pitch for a hard bruising race such as the Brooklyn Handicap promises to be may develop a weakness in them. As a sire his magnificent proportions and perfect conformation should commend him to breeders.

Philosopher Young, who has the credit of being one of the shrewdest men either on the track or as a breeder, did the shrewdest act of his life when he secured both Longstreet and Potomac for $30,000 to be placed at the head of the McGrathiana breeding establishment. Kingston is like a piece of satin. Every trainer and stable boy at Gravesend will say when one compliments a horse's appearance: "Have you seen Kingston? He lays away over them all." He had a hard season last year, and was not so good in the fall as the public had seen him. His trip to Chicago did not benefit him, as he is a hard horse to keep in condition and does not take kindly to journeys by rail.

Raceland (Old Bones)—where is the racegoer who has not a warm spot in his heart for the gallant old gelding? He is likely to lose his name, as he is actually fat, although the statement will be doubted by many of his friends. He is likely to upset some of the well-laid plans of a number of horsemen, who fondly hope to see their colors first past the post in some of the valuable spring stakes. Here is a remark worthy of note made by the oracle of Brighton Beach: "Just show me the trainer who leaves 'Old Bones' out as not having a chance in any race in which he doesn't carry a ton of coal on his back, and I will show you a man who is a bad judge and one who can't train."

Banquet looks as if he were ready for the feast. He is as sleek as sealskin, and looks the picture of health in spite of his long, hard campaign. He looks as if he were ready to begin another fully as hard, and to finish at the end of it with as large a number of brackets as he earned in 1891. Nomad is likely to prove himself a "crack" three-year-old, as he never displayed his true form as a two-year-old. A change of trainers often works wonders in a horse's form, and in a case like Nomad's, where the colt raced under every disadvantage as a two-year-old and won creditable races, with everything in his favor he may be equal to the best as a three-year-old.

M. F. Dwyer is at his winter home, Rock Ledge, Fla., and is entertaining a number of prominent turfmen. The steam launches on the Indian River furnish a medium for racing and putting down a bet, as John Kelly would say.

Reports from Middleburg, Md., say that every horse on the place is in good health, and that Wyndham Walden will begin the season of 1892 in better shape than last year. Such a report sounds impossible, as the All Scarlet almost swept the board at Washington and Gravesend spring meetings. The public will have a chance to get a line on many of the horses at the Washington meeting. The horses at Brighton Beach are being worked on the Boulevard and everybody from the island of sand and sausages can see no other three-year-old than "Billy" Lakeland's Victory. Victory has developed into a fine-looking animal. His trainer know how good he really is, but says little. He was handicapped last year, as he had no regular jockey, but he has offe now who gives him enough confidence to buy a mutual ticket when he starts a horse.

Yesterday the writer visited Jerome Park, and a more desolate place than the track would be hard to find. The gran stand is boarded up and there is no sign of life. At the stables everything was different. At J. J. Hyland's stable the boys were busy putting things in order. Hyland had gone to church. He is subject to rheumatic attacks since his illness, and for that reason exposes himself as little as possible, but visits the stable twice every day. His horses are in splendid shape—no sickness, no complaints, and ready to begin the season. His Higness is a remarkable horse. His record is turf history and will not be referred to. He has grown and spread, and looks like a finished horse. All of last season he looked coltish, more like a big yearling than a great two-year-old, up to any weight or distance which two-year-olds run. He is as docile and clever as it is possible for a horse to be, but when strangers look in his box and see it carefully padded they wonder at the reason. The attendant will tell you he kicks in his stall, and you go away with the idea that he is vicious, but nothing could be further from the truth. He never kicks at his attendants, but does it when there is no one near him. Hyland says it is a habit which he can't account for. The reason why he kicks is because Schuylkill is kept in the same stable with him, is the opinion of one of the followers of the stable.

Ludwig is all that he gave promise of being last fall. As one of the boys said, "If you look over the three-year-old stakes for 1892, no matter what one you pick out, Ludwig is in it."

Darebin's reputation as a sire depends on Ludwig, as he is the best one by that sire which has raced as a two-year-old. He gives every indication of being a stayer, as he is a good doer in the stable and has size, bone and conformation. He is level-headed and his disposition is of the best. He has shown that he has all the speed which is required. His gait is perfection when he is in his stride, as he moves with little friction and, as she showed in his last race, he goes by his competitors as if they were standing still. Ludwig against Victory will cause a great betting contest when they meet in a race, as with Dave Johnson and his following betting on Victory and John Daly, Count Gideon and the followers of Hyland's stable betting on Ludwig, many thousands of dollars will change hands should both horses come to the post fit and ready to race.

Merry Monarch looks like a second edition of Bramalletta. He is as handsome a horse as is in training.

Schuylkill was lying down when the door of his box was opened, but he got up and gave his visitors a chance to see him. He is now in the list of geldings. He looks good, and might possibly run true to his work and pick up a few purses for Count Gideon. Ha-Penny, as said before, could be passed for a sovereign, as he is gilt-edged in his looks, and shows quality in every point, from his muzzle to his tail. Contribution is not so high in flesh as many of the horses, but he is one of the sort which makes flesh when in training. McCormack, by Pat Malloy, dam Imp. Playingfields, has not grown a great deal, but is all life, and fulfils the old adage that there is good stuff in small packages.

Nathan Strauss's stable was the next one in order. Adolph Wheeler, formerly with Your Uncle William Daly, is the trainer. His stable was as neat as any seen this winter, and his horses are in the same condition. There are four three-year-olds and fifteen two-year-olds in the stable. A King Alfonso filly, looking much like Vivid, by the same sire, would attract the attention of any horseman. She is a chestnut of good size, and is likely to pay her way, as she showed up well in her yearling trials. Another chestnut filly by Blazes, with a blaze and four white legs, looked racy, and by the way Wheeler fondled her must have shown him something in her work which pleased him. A black or brown filly by Blazes was the next one in line. She is much like Elitzen, the Guttenburg "crack," but is larger, and shows a lot of quality when closely inspected. A two-year-old colt by Kyrle Daly showed that he was well thought of, as he is of good size, and Wheeler reained longer than a trainer usually does in his stall and had him viewed from every point without making any remarks.

Two sons of George Kinney were looked at. The son of Mascot is a neat looking colt, although he might be a little larger. His trainer said: "But you can't have them all to order, like a suit of clothes." Cassait, Muscovy, Glenelg and Pat Malloy have representatives in this stable, and every horseman wants to see the black with red star to the front many times next season, as such men as Nathan Strauss are valuable additions to the thoroughbred ranks.

Jacob Pincus was at his stable all the forenoon, and had just mounted his pony when his stable was reached. As John Hunter and Mr. Hitchcock had been with him for two hours he had enough of punishment for one day, so a visit to the horses was postponed. Dagonet and Dagolita are doing nicely. Pincus said he could find no fault with his prospects for 1892, but hoped that he never would have such a time as he did in 1891 with Dagonet, as he always flattered one that he was winning, and many times he was hailed as the winner until the numbers went up, when he would be second, beaten by a pur nose, so that the strain on a man's nerves was terrific at times. Then he had to listen for hours to long explanations as to how it all happened. "I want to win or be beaten a length or two this year," the veteran trainer remarked as his pony ambled away.

John Hunter, Mr. Hitchcock, Mayor Grant, L. Kipp, Hosea Perkins and Nathan Strauss visited the clubhouse at Jerome Park yesterday. The clubhouse at Morris Park is now the favorite stopping place of driving parties, as the roads are in good shape and many people were out yesterday.

The Metropolitan Handicap is talked about at the various resorts of racemers, and many inquiries are made if books will be made on that contest. One of the bookmakers who is trustworthy said that he thought he would give betters a chance to display their judgment on that contest. There are the usual number of reports in regard to the racing bills in New-Jersey, many sang that there will be a bill passed, but giving no grounds for their statements. The surest "tip" is the one given by one of the Guttenburg police. It is as follows: "Yous fellers is up agen it. See? Dere is naw bill goin' ter pass less'm Dinny and Lon is in wid it. See?"

SKATING AT VAN COURTLANDT PARK.

Van Courtlandt Lake yesterday afternoon presented a lively spectacle, for fully 2,500 merry skaters were skimming over the smooth ice. The working girl and her sweetheart were there in numbers, and so was everybody else from the miscellaneous small boy, who tripped up the elderly merchant, to the fur-coated "sport," more familiar with nearby Jerome Park.

The ice was in good condition early in the day, but the weather moderated as the afternoon advanced, softening the ice. About 6 o'clock a drizzling rain began to fall, and the skaters' sport is probably spoiled for a day or two at least. But for the change in the weather the lakes in Prospect and Central parks would have been thrown open to the public to-day.

Just as the skaters were in their merriest mood at Van Courtlandt, several ruffians decided to take possession of the lake and stop the sport. The objections, however, were so emphatic that the bad men decided to look for safer quarters.

In Central Park about 400 people were on the log lake at 3 o'clock, when a squad of policemen drove them off. The ice was growing soft at that time, so the skaters were not greatly disappointed. Most of them went to Van Courtlandt Lake.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Baltimore, Feb. 13.—Flour firmer, unchanged; receipts, 6,342 bbls; shipments, 357 bbls; sales, 2,450 bbls. Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, spot, $1 01¼@$1 01¾; February, $1 01¼@$1 01½; March, $1 01½@$1 01¾; May, $1 01¾@$1 02; steamer No. 2 red, 97¼@97¾c; receipts, 29,658 bush; shipments, 24,000 bush; stock, 759,561 bush; sales, 70,000 bush; Southern wheat steady; Fultz, 95@$1 01; Longberry, 96c@$1 03. Corn steady; mixed, spot, 49¾@49¾c; February and March, 49¾@49¾c; April, 49¾c asked; May, 49¾c asked; steamer mixed, 47¼@47¾c; receipts, 130,926 bush; shipments, 295,506 bush; stock, 1,772,464 bush; sales, 20,000 bush. Southern corn quiet; white, 48@50c; yellow, 47@49c. Oats steady; No. 2 white Western, 38½@39c; No. 2 mixed do, 37@37½c; receipts, 208 bush; stock, 94,094 bush. Rye higher; No. 2, 92½c; receipts, 2,031 bush; stock, 86,516 bush. Hay easy; good to choice timothy, $14@$14 50. Grain freights quiet. Cotton nominal; middling, 7¾c. Provisions steady. Butter steady; creamery, fancy, 29@30c; do fair to choice, 26@28c; do imitation, 24@26c; ladle, fancy, 23@24c; good to choice, 20@22c; inferior, 15@20c; do fair to good, 19@21c; store packed, 15@18c. Eggs active; receipts very light, 20c. Coffee firm; Rio cargoes fair, 17½c; No. 7, 15@15¼c. Sugar steady; granulated, 4 3-16c. Copper steady. Whiskey steady, $1 25.

Buffalo, Feb. 13.—Wheat—No demand for No. 1 hard, closing at $1 00¾ asked; No. 1 Northern dull at 99¼c; No. 2 Northern, 94¼c; 4 cars Minneapolis No. 1 Northern, sold at 98¾@98¾c; winter wheat quiet; 3 cars No. 2 sold at 98@98½c, closing at 98c; No. 1 white scarce; sold at 98½c asked. Corn strong, in good demand; 3 cars No. 2 red sold at 47c; 13 cars No. 3 yellow sold at 46½c; 2 cars do sold at 46¾c; 2 cars No. 4 yellow sold at 46c, 4 cars No. 3 sold at 46@46¼c. Oats in good request; 8 cars No. 2 white sold at 41½c; 1 car do sold at 38¾c; 5 cars No. 3 white sold at 35½c; 2 cars No. 2 mixed sold at 33½@34½c. Barley weak; fancy, 68@70c; No. 2 Western, 65c; State, 65@70c; Michigan, fair to choice, 58@64c; Canada, 85@90c. 15,000 bush good Western sold at 60c. Rye firm; 2 cars No. 2 on track sold at 92c. Flour firm; best spring, $5 35@$5 40; do winter, $4 75@$4 85; rye flour, $3 25. Mill feed firm; coarse winter bran, $17 75@$18 25. Shipments—Wheat, 3,000 bush; corn, 28,000 bush; oats, 11,000 bush. Receipts—Flour, 500 bbls; wheat, 18,000 bush; corn, 28,000 bush; oats, 11,000 bush; barley, 18,000 bush.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The leading features ranged as follows:

WHEAT, NO. 2.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
February	87½	87¾	87¼	87¾
May	90¾	90¾	91¼	90½

CORN, NO. 2.

February	40¾	40¾	40¾	40¾
March	41¼	41¼	41¼	41½
May	42⅝	42⅝	41¾	42⅛

OATS, NO. 2.

February	29¼	29¼	29	29
May	31¾	31¾	31⅜	31½

MESS PORK, PER BBL.

February	11 72½	11 75	11 65	11 72½
May	12 02½	12 05	11 95	12 02½

LARD, PER 100 lb.

February	6 50	6 55	6 50	6 55
May	6 67½	6 72½	6 67½	6 72½

SHORT RIBS, PER 100 lb.

February	5 85	5 92½	5 85	5 87½
May	6 05	6 12½	6 05	6 07½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull and steady; No 2 spring wheat, 87¼c; No 3 spring wheat, 80¾c; No. 2 red, 90¾c; No 2 corn, 40½c; No 3 corn, 37½@38c; oats, No 2 white, 31¾@32½c; No 3 white 31@32c; No 2 oats, 29¾@29¾c; No 2 rye, 82c; No 2 barley, 56@56c; No 1 flaxseed, 95⅝@96c; prime timothy seed, $1 25@$1 29; mess pork, per bbl, $6 00; lard, per 100 lb, $6 55@$6 57½; short ribs sides, (loose), $5 87½; dry salted shoulders, (boxed), $5@$5 25; short clear sides, (boxed), $6 20@$6 25; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1 14; sugars, unchanged; No 3 barley, f. o. b., 42@57c; No 4 barley, f. o. b., 37@52c.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	26,000	36,000
Wheat, bush	69,000	37,000
Corn, bush	179,000	264,000
Oats, bush	257,000	370,000
Rye, bush	12,000	15,000
Barley, bush	87,000	69,000

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, fine butter was lower; fancy creamery, 28@29c; fine Western, 26@27c; ordinary, 22@25c; selected dairies, 23@26c; ordinary, 18@21c. Eggs, 22@23c.

Cincinnati, Feb. 13.—Flour in fair demand. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, 94c; receipts, 2,500 bush; shipments, 500 bush. Corn easier; No. 2 mixed, 41½c. Oats steady; No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32½c. Rye in good demand; No. 2, 86@88c. Pork steady at $12. Lard nominal at $6 37½@6 50. Bulk meats in moderate demand and firm at $5 62½. Bacon steady at $7. Whiskey in fair demand, $1 011 bbls finished goods back of $1 14. Butter easier; fancy Elgin creamery, 30@31c; Ohio, 26@27c; good to prime dairy roll, 10@18c. Sugar quiet. Eggs quiet. Cheese firm.

Milwaukee, Feb. 13.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; May, 88¾c; No. 2 spring, 88c; No. 1 Northern, 91c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 38¾@39c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 do, 31¾@32c. Barley active; No. 2, 54c; sample, 53@55c. Rye firm; No. 1, 81½c. Provisions firm. Pork, $12 15. Lard, May, $6 35. Receipts—Flour, 6,500 bbls; wheat, 16,000 bush; barley, 41,200 bush. Shipments—Flour, 2,100 bbls; wheat, 500 bush; barley, 13,300 bush.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 13.—Wheat was strong and stubborn to-day, and in spite of the efforts to the contrary, the bulliest factor was the strong tone of the advance. The bulliest factor was the strong situation abroad. May wheat opened at 89c, a quarter above last night's close. It was up ½, held for a long time under narrow fluctuations, and with almost nothing doing, struck 85⅞c and then came back to 86c, where it held until just before the close, going to 86⅞c for sellers. The cash market was active, and November sold as high as 88c, but it was an exception. A large amount sold at about 85½c, and these sales were regarded as good. Receipts here, 254 cars; Duluth and Superior, 169 cars. Closing for No. 1 Northern, February closing 84c; May opening 89c; highest, 89⅞c; lowest, 85⅝c; closing, 86⅞c bid; on track, No. 1 hard, 87c; No. 1 Northern, 85⅝c; No. 2 Northern, 82@83c.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 13.—Corn steady; No 2, 39¼c; No 3, 38¼c; No 4, 36¾c. Oats steady; No 2 white, 30½@30¾c; No 3 white, 29¼@29½c. Rye steady; No 2, 79@81c. Whiskey firm; wines, $1 14; spirits, $1 16. Receipts—Corn, 92,000 bush; oats, 76,000 bush; rye, 50 bush; barley, 20,000. Shipments—Corn, 62,000 bush; oats, 103,000 bush; barley, 15,000 bush.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Flour—Firmer feeling in the market, due to continued upward movement in wheat, but buyers lacked confidence and showed no disposition to operate, except for actual wants. Rye flour quiet and steady at $4 10@$4 25 in bbls, and $4 90@$5 00 in half bbl sacks. Wheat firm, and advanced 2½c, under higher cables, but foreign demand light and millers holding off. No 2 red, February, $1 02½@$1 02½; March and April, $1 02¾@$1 03¼; May, $1 01¾@$1 02. Corn option market shade lower, under light foreign demand. Offerings, however, moderate, as the bulk of receipts were delivered to complete previous engagements for export. No 2 mixed, in grain depot, 46c; No 3, in export elevator, 45½c; No 2 mixed, in export elevator, 46½c; No 2 mixed, February, 49@49½c; March, 48¾@49c; April, 49@49½c; May, 49@49½c. Oats, receipts liberal, and the market for cash lots quiet at the late decline; No 3 white, 37c; mixed white, delivered storage, 37c; regular, 36c; No 2 white, 38½c, delivered dead storage, 37½c; No 2 white, February, March, April and May, 38@38½c. Eggs, firm and in good demand; Pennsylvania firsts 28c. Sugars—Refined, steady; cut loaves, 4¾c; cubes, 4¼c; extra powder XXXX, 4½c; standard powder, 4¼c; fine granulated, 4c; Crown A, 4¼c; Crystal A, 4c; double refined diamond A, for candy, 4c; coarse granulated, 3¾c; Red Star A, 3¾c; Keystone A, 3¾c; confectioners' A, 3⅞c; Red Star A, 3¾c; Keystone A, 3¾c; Franklin B, 3⅝c; Franklin extra C, 3 15-16c; Red Star C, 3 7-16c; Grand Star C, 3 5-16c; Blue Star, 3¼c. Other articles unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 2,800 bbls; 12,000 sacks; wheat, 2,200 bush; corn, 141,000 bush; oats, 27,000 bush. Shipments—Wheat, 1,900 bbls; corn, 21,700 bush; oats, 101,200 bush.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Flour firm, but not quotably higher. Wheat opened higher, declined, then rallied, and closed ⅛c better than yesterday. No 2 red cash, 89¼@89⅜c; May closed 92⅛c; July, 87⅞c. Corn opened higher, but declined again and closed ⅛c lower than yesterday; No. 2 cash, 36¾c; February, 37c; March, 37⅜c asked; May, 37⅞@38c. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 30½c; May, 31⅞c. Rye steady; No. 2 cash, 80c. Barley quiet; May, 81⅞c. Hay steady; prairie, $7 50@8 00; timothy, $9 50@11. Flaxseed firm; 92c. Lead $3 55. Bran firm; 71@73c. Butter steady; creamery, 24@28c; dairy, 15@25c. Eggs quiet; 20@20½c. Cornmeal firm; $2 10@$2 15. Whiskey steady, $1 14. Bagging quiet; 5½@7½c. Iron ties, $1 20@$1 25. Provisions dull and unchanged; pork, $11 75 for new; $9 50 for old; lard, $6 30@$6 40; dry salted meat, loose shoulders, $5 62½; boxed, 5¾c; ribs, $6; shorts, $6 20; boxed lots, $6 12½; hams and ribs, $8; shorts, $6 20; boxed lots, $6 37½; bacon, shoulders, $5 87½; hams, $9 50@$10 50; ribs, $6 60; shorts, $6 70@6 75; hams, $9@$10 50. Receipts—Flour, 4,000 bbls; wheat, 48,000 bush; corn, 29,000 bush; oats, 25,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 bbls; wheat, 158,000 bush; corn, 120,000 bush; oats, 42,000 bush.

Toledo, Feb. 13.—Wheat firm and higher; No. 2, cash and February, 96c; March, 98¼c; No. 1 white, cash, 95c. Corn dull; No. 2, cash, 41½c; No. 3, 41c; No. 3 yellow, 41½c. Oats quiet; cash, 32c. Rye dull; cash, 80c. Clover seed dull but steady; prime cash, February and March, $5 65. Receipts—Flour, 508 bbls; wheat, 5,000 bush; corn, 21,500 bush; oats, 2,045 bush; rye, 1,500 bush; clover seed, 71 bags. Shipments—Flour, 1,900 bbls; wheat, 5,050 bush; corn, 62,200 bush; oats, 400 bush; rye, 400 bush; clover seed, 1,300 bags.

EUROPEAN PRODUCE MARKETS.

Liverpool, Feb. 13, 2 p. m.—Beef—Holders offer moderately. Pork—Holders offer sparingly. Hams and bacon—Holders offer freely. Cheese—Holders offer sparingly. Tallow—Holders offer freely. Turpentine—Holders offer sparingly. Rosin—Holders offer freely. Lard—Spot—The supply is poor. Futures—Holders offer moderately. Wheat—Holders offer sparingly; No. 2 red winter firm at 7s 9d; do spring firm at 7s 10½d. Flour—Holders offer moderately. Corn—Spot—Holders offer sparingly. Futures—Holders offer moderately; mixed Western February firm at 4s 5½d; March steady at 4s 3½d; April steady at 4s 2½d. Hops at London—Pacific Coast—Holders are not offering.

COTTON MARKETS—BY TELEGRAPH.

Liverpool, Feb. 13, 1 p. m.—Cotton—American—Middling, 3 13-16d. The sales of the day included 9,000 bales American. Futures closed 2pm at the advance: American—Middling, low middling clause, February delivery, 3 51-64d sellers; February and March delivery, 3 51-64d sellers; March and April delivery, 3 52-64@3 53-64d; April and May delivery, 3 55-64d sellers; May and June delivery, 3 56-64d; June and July delivery, 3 62-64@3 63-64d; July and August delivery, 4 1-64@4 2-64d; August and September delivery, 4 4-64@4 5-64d; September delivery, 4 7-64d buyers.

Galveston, Feb. 13.—Cotton steady; middling, 6 9-16c; low middling, 6 3-16c; good ordinary, 5 9-16c; net receipts, 3,280 bales; gross, 3,739 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,283 bales; to France, 3,523 bales; to the Continent, 4,324 bales; sales, 1,432 bales; stock, 85,407.

Norfolk, Feb. 13.—Cotton firm; middling, 6 9-16c; net receipts, 1,080 bales; exports coastwise, 353 bales; sales, 434 bales; stock, 41,369 bales.

Savannah, Feb. 13.—Cotton firm; middling, 6 8-16c; low middling, 6¼c; good ordinary, 5⅞c; net and gross receipts, 1,729 bales; sales, 1,250 bales; stock, 83,228 bales.

New-Orleans, Feb. 13.—Cotton very firm; middling, 6¾c; low middling, 6 13-16c; good ordinary, 5 11-16c; net receipts, 3,235 bales; gross, 3,740 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,204 bales; to France, 3,060 bales; to the Continent, 3,162 bales; coastwise, 5,046 bales; sales, 3,800 bales; stock, 488,150.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

B. W. Flour, pkgs	250	Lead, pigs	2,045
Beans, bbls	31	Leather, sides	7,624
Broom corn, bales	174	Molasses, bbls	2,421
Buckwheat, bags	3,700	Spirits turp, bbls	109
Cotton, bales	2,700	Rosin, bbls	2,934
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,007	Pitch, bbls	100
Cottonseed meal, bags	1,201	Offals, pkgs	298
Copper, cakes	1,243	Oil, lard, bbls	50
Lard, pkgs	148	Oil, fish, bbls	60
Eggs, bbls	140	Peanuts, bags	740
Eggs, cases	2,180	Potatoes, bbls	330
Flaxseed, bags	32,000	Beef, pkgs	125
Cornmeal, bbls	1,014	Cheese, pkgs	2,144
Cornmeal, bags	3,018	Lard, pkgs	1,482
Wheat, bush	90,000	Lard, kegs	98
Corn, bush	150,000	Butter, pkgs	1,000
Oats, bush	115,000	Cheese, pkgs	496
Rye, bush	2,000	Tallow, pkgs	180
Malt, bush	1,200	Silk, pkgs	109
Barley, bush	24,000	Starch, pkgs	1,650
Peas, bush	2,700	Starch, bbls	50
Oatmeal, bbls	1,575	Starch, pkgs	317
Flaxseed, bags	1,300	Tallow, pkgs	374
Cheese, pkgs	41	Glucose, bbls	372
Hops, bales	21	Glucose, pkgs	20

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

COFFEE—There was a dull and easy market for spot Rio to-day, with No 7 quoted at 14¾@14⅞c. Stock to arrive had a moderate inquiry. Mild growths, quiet and unchanged. In the speculative market there was a fair degree of animation and a higher range of prices, with freer buying for "short" account. The foreign news furnished an important factor in the upward tendency. Havre opened 3@4 fr closing with a slight reaction. Stock in Havre, 240,000 bags, against 190,000 bags one year ago. Hamburg advanced 1¼@1½ pfg in same cases. Rio was also higher. Net gains of 5@15 points were scored in the local market, and the close was steady. There was further talk of political troubles in Brazil. London was unsettled, February being lower, while others showed an advance. Official quotations, 1,115 bags, February, 15c bd; March, 14c bd; April, 6½c bd; May, 60c bd; June, 55c bd; July, 55c bd. Rio quotes: Regular first (10 kilos), nominal; good second (10 kilos), 16@16½c; exchange private, 12; receipts in Rio, 14,000 bags; Rio clearances to the United States, 13,000 bags; Rio clearances to Europe, 2,000 bags; Rio stock, 195,000 bags; Rio market firm; receipts in Santos, nothing; Santos stock, 622,000 bags; Santos market quiet, good average Santos, 10@10½c; cleared from Santos, February 12, s. s. Sarmento, Rotterdam, 4,000 bags; receipts at Rio Janeiro, February 12, 1892, 2,078,000 bags; same time 1891, 1,687,000 bags; same time 1890, 1,526,000 bags; receipts at Santos July 1 to February 12, 1892, 2,515,000 bags; same time 1891, 2,336,000 bags; same time 1890, 1,549,000 bags. Total sales here to-day, 31,250 bags.

Months.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
January	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	13.70	13.70	12.65@13.75	2,000
March	13.35	13.30	12.30@13.35	4,750
April	13.00	13.00	12.00@13.05	1,500
May	12.95	12.95	12.05@13.00	10,750
June	12.80	12.75	12.75@12.80	3,500
July	12.75	12.70	12.70@12.75	1,000
August	.....	.....	12.50@12.60	.....
September	12.60	12.50	12.50@12.55	1,250
October	12.40	12.40	12.30@12.40	500
November	.....	.....	12.25@12.35	.....
December	.....	.....	12.25@12.35	.....

Warehouse deliveries since February 1, 1892: New-York 103,711 bags; Baltimore, 1,375; New-Orleans, 10,907; Galveston, 1,000; total, 117,053.

COTTON—The spot market ruled firm and quiet at unchanged prices; sales, 58 bales for consumption. Receipts at the ports to-day, 13,801 bales, against 20,855 bales the day last week, and 19,054 bales this time last year.

Crop movement:	1892. Bales.	1891. Bales.
Visible supply	4,701,593	3,555,009
Receipts, 7 days	183,005	141,139
Exports to Great Britain, 7 days	83,519	87,704
Exports to France, 7 days	19,002	13,505
Exports to Continent, 7 days	71,912	46,288
Stock in New-York in licensed warehouses, counted daily	382,484	108,788
In other places (estimated)	12,281	17,009
Total stock in New-York, by running count	396,765	125,797
Stock in all United States ports	1,224,456	823,389

Liverpool telegrams, 1 p. m.—Receipts, 11,000 bales, of which American 10,000 bales; sales, 10,000, of which for speculation and export, 1,000 bales; American, 9,000 bales. Spot market—Quotations fully maintained. Mid. Uplands, 3 13-16d.

Quotations are based on American standard of classification.

Ordinary	4 13-16	Strict Ordinary	5 3-16
Good Ordinary	5 9-16	Strict Good Ordinary	5 9-16
Low Middling	6 1-16	Strict Low Middling	6 7-16
Middling	6¾	Strict Middling	6¾
Good Middling	7 3-16	Strict Good Middling	7 9-16
Middling Fair	8 5-16	Fair	8 11-16

STAINED.

Good Ordinary	4 5-16	Low Middling	5 13-16
Strict Good Ordinary	4 15-16	Middling	6¾

Options were quite buoyant and active for a half-holiday, over 85,000 bales changing hands. Early sales indicated a rise of 4@6 points, and at one period the market ruled fully 10@12 points higher, closing at a net advance of 8@10 points for the day. There was considerable local covering and some little outside buying early in the session, stimulated by firmer Liverpool advices and small port receipts. Then came a fresh buying movement on predictions of a falling off in the arrivals the coming week, and the market closed very steady. Sales, 85,500 bales.

Closing prices.	Highest.	Lowest.	Sales.
February	6.93@6.95	6.94	6.94	200
March	6.97@6.98	7.00	6.91	7,000
April	7.05@7.06	7.08	7.00	10,500
May	7.17@7.20	7.18	7.09	29,300
June	7.25@	7.27	7.20	5,000
July	7.34@7.35	7.37	7.30	5,300
August	7.43@7.44	7.47	7.39	18,200
September	7.53@7.54	7.54	7.51	400
October	7.62@7.64	7.64	7.61	3,400
November	7.76@7.74	7.74	7.73	300
December	7.86@7.87	7.87	7.84	200

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—No new features were developed to-day, and the general market had the usual half-holiday appearance. Holders, however, seemed firmer in their views, being encouraged by the strength in wheat. Foreign buying was light and the local trade inquiry was confined to small lots. Sales, 16,000 bbls (4,000 for export), including 800 bbls low extra at $3 20@$3 75; 2,100 bbls city mill, $4 00@$5 for the West Indies; 2,100 bbls city mill, $4 90@$5 for the West Indies and new plans held at $5 10; 6,200 bbls Minnesota extra, $3 20@$5 15; 600 bbls winter wheat extra, $3 20@$3 75; 600 bbls superfine, $2 85@$3 45; 1,200 bbls fine, $2 40@$3 15. Quotations: City mill, West Indies, $4 00@$5 10, latter in new plans; City mill, $5 10@$5 25; low extra, $3 20@$3 75; winter wheat, low grades, $3 20@$3 75; ordinary to choice, $3 80@$4 00; fancy, $4 05@$4 25; patents, ordinary to choice, $4 50@$4 80; fancy, $4 90@$5 15; winter spring wheat, low extra, $3 20@$3 75; clear, $4@$4 05; rye mixtures, $4@$4 10; straights, common to fancy, $4 30@$4 85; patents, ordinary to choice, $4 50@$5 10; fancy, $5 15@$5 25; superfine, $2 85@$3 45; spring and winter; fine, $2 40@$3 15; spring and winter; market closing with buyers showed losses of 10@20c. On the curb March closed at 19¾c bid, asked and May at 49¾c. The spot market ruled somewhat higher early in the session, but closed weak with fresh offerings. Shippers took 89,000 bush, including No. 2 mixed about at 50¾@50¾c, steamer mixed, 50¼c afloat; No. 2, 50¾c delivered. Cleared, 57,808 bush. Sales, 500,000 bush futures, 147,000 bush spot, including graded mixed and white at 48¾@51c. No. 2 mixed, 50¾c elevator, 49¾c afloat; steamer mixed, 49c for export elevator, 50¼c afloat; No. 2 mixed, 49¾c elevator, 50¼@50½c afloat; steamer yellow, 50½c; No. 2 February, 49¾@49¾c, closing at 49¾c; do March, 49¾@50c, closing at 49¾c; do April, 50¼c, closing at 50¼c; do May, 50¼@50½c, closing at 49¾c; do June, closing at 49¾c; do July, 50¼c, closing at 49¾c. OATS—Speculation was in keeping with that in the grain, and on some options there was a slight advance with local "shorts" buyers in a small way. On the late call, however, the market became heavy because of the weakness in corn. May sold down to 27⅞c, and closed about 26c, but trading was stopped by the enforced view of holders. Clearances, 8,000 bbls, sales, 90,000 bush futures, 72,000 bush spot, including No. 2 mixed at 32¼c elevator; No. 3 white, 37¼c elevator; No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32½c elevator, 37¼@37½c afloat; No. 2 white, 37¼@38c elevator; No. 1 white, 39@39½c afloat. Futures, Saturday, 27¼@27½c; regraded mixed West, 27¼@27½c; white do, 37¼@38c; No. 2 February, closing at 27¼c; do March, closing at 27¼c; do May, 27⅞@27½c, closing at 27⅞c; do June, 28c; do July, 28c; No. 2 white February, closing at 38c; do March, closing at 38½c. FEED—Quiet; fine feed, $23 50@$24 50; fine middlings, $23@$23 50; winter bran, $20@$20 50; spring bran, $19@$19 50; coarse feed, $23@$24; cottonseed meal, $23 50 per ton, bonded.

HAY AND STRAW—With the usual arrivals and continued slow trade, the market for hay has a weak look, outside prices were rather extreme. Straw dull and unchanged. Quotations of hay, compressed, Brooklyn, per 100 pounds, in bales, 55@65c. HAY—Fancy, 90c; choice to fancy, 85@90c; good to choice, 75@80c; shippers, 70c; clover or mixed, 50@75c. STRAW—Long rye, 65c; short rye, 40@50c; oat and wheat, 50@55c.

HOPS—On the Hop Dealers' Exchange dullness was the chief feature in this line, with exporters still indifferent, and the brewing demand confined exclusively to the purest lots. Interior growers were discouraged, and the market had a heavy look. On the Hop Dealers' Exchange sales, 37 bales California, May, 24c; State, fair, choice, 25@27c; medium, 22@23c; common to good, 20@21c; 1890, choice, 18c; medium, 7@16c; old, 2@5c. Pacific Coast, 1891, choice, 25c; common to prime, 19@23c; 1890, 12@18c, common to choice.

MOLASSES—Quiet for the day, but steadily held. Cuba, 50 test, quoted at 12½c; New-Orleans, new crop, at 30@37c for good to fancy; English Island, 26@30c.

NAVAL STORES—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Unchanged in price and quiet, selling steady; quoted at 31½c; latter machine. ROSINS—Without much doing, prices are quoted last: Strained, $1 30; good strained, $1 35; E, $1 45@$1 47½; F, $1 55; G, $1 65; H, $1 75; I, $